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SUBJECT: SOVIET HARASSMENT OF FRG DIPLOMATS IN USSR

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1. AT THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING FEBRUARY 25 FRG
AMBASSADOR SAHM SAID HE HAD RAISED THE CASE OF HEYKEN
AND BLUMFIELD WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV
DURING A FEBRUARY 23 CALL AT MFA ON ANOTHER MATTER.
SAHM TOLD ZEMSKOV THAT SOVIET MEDIA TREATMENT OF
THESE CASES CAST DOUBT ON THE MOTIVES OF THOSE HIGH
BONN OFFICIALS WHO HAD ORIGINALLY EMPLOYED AND SUB-
SEQUENTLY ASSIGNED THE TWO FRG DIPLOMATS PARTICULARLY BLUMENFELD
TO THE USSR, AND THIS COULD BE READ AS CRITICISM OF BRANDT AND
SHEEL. SAHM THEN ASKED FOR A STATEMENT FROM THE SOVIET
SIDE RETRACTING ALL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE TWO DIPLO-
MATS AND PRAISING THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE IN THE USSR.

2. SAHM ADDED THAT HE EARLIER HAD PROVIDED THE MFA
WITH THE LICENSE PLATES OF THE SOVIET AUTOMOBILES THAT
CLEARLY WERE TAILING MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. HE RAISED
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THIS WITH ZEMSKOV, WHO SAID THE AUTOS INVOLVED BELONGED

TO VARIOUS SOVIET ORGANIZATION, NOT INCLUDING SECURITY SERVICES, AND THIS PROVED THERE HAD IN FACT BEEN NO SURVEILLANCE.

3. SAHM RECOUNTED SEVERAL RECENT, CRUDE KGD ATTEMPTS TO COMPROMISE HIS EMBASSY'S SECURITY PERSONNEL. IN ONE CASE, AN EMBASSY OFFICER WAS FILMED RECEIVING A 50 RUBLE NOTE FROM A SOVIET WOMAN WHO HAD ASKED FOR CHANGE. IN ANOTHER, AN EMBASSY OFFICER RECEIVED ENTICING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SOVIET FEMALE.

4. ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, SAHM REPORTED THAT HARASSMENT OF KEYKEN HAD ENDED AND HEYKEN'S REQUEST TO BE ACCREDITED TO THE 25TH CONGRESS PRESS CENTER HAD UNEXPECTEDLY BEEN APPROVED. SAHM ALSO SAID HE PLANNED TO ENCOURAGE CONSUL GENERAL BLUMENFELD, WHO HAD BEEN LAYING LOW, TO MAINTAIN HIS USUAL LEVEL OF OFFICIAL ACTIVITY IN LENINGRAD.

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